

## Agenda Item #2

# Proposal to Name the Raptor Rehabilitation Center at Hardy Lake the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Rehabilitation Center

### Proposal

Dwight Chamberlain has been a long-time supporter of the raptor rehabilitation program at Hardy Lake. Hardy Lake and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs propose naming the center after Dwight Chamberlain in his honor.

### Supporting Information

In the last 10 years, Dwight has donated over \$20,000 to the rehab center and the Friends of Hardy Lake, a local group that supports the rehab center. Funds have been used for the purchase of food and other supplies for the facility.

Dwight has established a trust to continue providing \$3,000 annually to the Friends of Hardy Lake to support the rehab center in the future.

### Supporting Comments

#### **From Dick Davis, Interpretive Naturalist at Clifty Falls State Park:**

*Naming Hardy Lake's Raptor Rehabilitation Facility in honor of Dwight Chamberlain would certainly meet with my approval.*

*Dwight has, to my knowledge, always made material contributions in the name of his father, the late D. Russell Chamberlain. I know that he has made substantial gifts in this manner to the Scott Memorial Hospital, the Lexington, IN Presbyterian Church and Hanover College just to name a few. I wouldn't be surprised if there is an endowed chair or professorship at Hanover some day.*

*I also know that Dwight has historically supported his alma mater in Virginia, Syracuse University, and the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell. He is one of the most generous people I have ever known. Yet, he rarely says anything about these acts, he is not a glory seeker. Dwight believes he has been blessed and is simply doing what one should do in that circumstance... offer a blessing to others. What's remarkable is that he does that in so many ways.*

*I can't begin to tell you all of the many ways he has worked to improve the quality of life for residents of Scott County and south central Indiana. There's probably not one area of Scott County civic life, where a board or a committee meets in public matters, that Dwight has made valuable, positive, contributions in thought, word, and deed...often just the old fashioned way... by rolling up his sleeves and going to work, volunteering time and energy. It's not because Dwight thinks he's the one to cure what needs cured... it's because his friends and neighbors look to him for his ideas, his enthusiasm and leadership.*

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*If you addressed a letter to "Hooter", Scottsburg, IN, it would get to Dwight, since he is well known for his interest in owls (their relationship with the corvids). In fact Dwight has been the "hooter" for many years on bird counts and school adventures in the Scott, Clark, Jefferson, Jennings, Ripley County areas. He has slowed down in recent years in these regards but has planted much good seed.*

*For many years he was nearly "Mr. Ducks Unlimited" in Scott County, helping raise thousands and thousands of dollars for that worthy cause. Also he was formerly heavily involved in National Wild Turkey Federation to boost that cause.*

*Dwight worked as a seasonal interpreter for Paul Carmony here at Clifty Falls State Park in 1977-78. He worked for Lois Mittino Gray at Spring Mill after that, helping to launch one of the most successful interpretive programs in the state.*

*Dwight earned a graduate degree in the study of the syringeal apparatus of crows and ravens. I used to kid him about having a graduate degree in crow calling. He once had a pet raven named Rolf and that must have been quite an interpretive program! Did you ever catch one of his crow/owl interpretive programs? Amazing. People would pay to come back for the likes of that I'm sure!*

*Dwight has been not only a benefactor of area natural resource agencies, (Hardy Lake, Clifty Falls, and Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge that I know of) he has also been for all of us DNR types regionally an encouraging voice when one needed as much. He has been a true friend of natural resources and the people who manage and interpret them.*

*Well, I could go on and on. Just do it.*

### **From the Kiwanis Club of Scottsburg:**

*Scott County is fortunate to have a local citizen, Dwight Chamberlain, a being one of the driving forces in our community. We see him as a visionary leader in every thing he is involved in. ON a personal level, our friend is very giving and caring to all around him. Dwight motivates us all into achieving the goals necessary to make Scott County a better place to live. And he is very humble when receiving any awards cast upon him for his efforts. Therefore, we the members of the Kiwanis Club of Scottsburg, Indiana ask you to please add Dwight Chamberlain's name to this wonderful project so we can show this great man our deepest appreciation for all the good he has done.*